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HEROISM OF AMERICAN MANHOOD SHOWN IN SINKING OF LUSITANIA

TESTIMONY AT QUEENSTOWN TODAY WAS THAT NO AMERICAN MEN GOT INTO LIFE-BOATS UNTIL AFTER THEY HAD BEEN THROWN INTO WATER.

Wilson Today Denies that His Speech at Philadelphia Last Night Was a Declaration of his Policy Regarding the Sinking of the Lusitania—President Declares that in his Speech Last Night he was not Thinking of Any Special Matter, but of the Newly Naturalized Citizens.

"Cain" Some People are Trying to Raise—Coroner's Jury Reports on Sinking of Lusitania, Blaming Germans Guilty of Wholesale Murder—United States to Act Independently of Other Nations in Dealing with Germany as to the Lusitania Case—German Ambassador at Washington Today Presented Germany's Note of Regret at Loss of American Lives—Bryan Made No Comment on Note.

Queenstown, May 11.—The preponderance of the testimony here today was that no American man, whatever, aboard the Lusitania, got into a life-boat until after he had been thrown into the water.

Denies It is His Policy

Washington, D. C., May 11.—President Wilson said today that his speech in Philadelphia last night was not a declaration of his policy regarding the Lusitania.

This morning's American papers generally interpreted it to mean that he would use argument and not force in the Lusitania case.

Wilson said that in last night's speech he was not thinking of any special matter, but of the newly naturalized citizens. He said he was thinking also of the "Cain" some people are trying to raise.

Ambassador Presents Regrets

Washington, D. C., May 11.—The German ambassador today presented Germany's note of regret at the loss of American lives on the Lusitania to Secretary Bryan. The latter made no comment.

Mauretania Cancels Sailing

London, May 11.—The sailing of the Mauretania, the sister ship of the Lusitania, from Liverpool, May 29th has been cancelled.

Say, German Story False

London, May 11.—The British official press bureau announces an alleged official German story that a few days ago the British North Sea fleet vessels by mistake in the night fired upon each other, striking the battleship Superb, and other vessels. The bureau says, the story is a fake to influence neutrals.

Express confidence in Wilson

Austin, Texas, May 11.—The house today adopted a resolution expressing confidence in President Wilson. The Gibson insurance bill was made the special order for the house Wednesday morning.

America to Act Independently

Washington, D. C., May 11.—The British and French ambassadors called at the state department late Monday to express their "horror and sympathy" over the destruction of the Lusitania. Both showed deep interest in public feeling over the catastrophe, and it was made apparent that they had nothing to suggest as to action of the United States.

That America must settle herself directly with Germany, was the substance of opinion among the diplomatic representatives of the allied powers. Chevalier van Rappard, minister from the Netherlands, also called at the department, and made it clear that the situation of his government is identical with that of the United States in relation to the Lusitania.

What will be the policy of the United States still is giving rise to a wide range of speculation in official and semi-official circles. President Wilson continues to give the matter his constant thought, mindful of his declaration of appreciation that the American people wish him to act "with firmness." Before leaving for Philadelphia where he addressed an assemblage of naturalized Americans tonight, the president locked himself in his study and gave orders not to be disturbed. He consulted no one, and is believed to have been considering

INTERESTED IN COUNTY FAIR PROPOSITION

FARMERS THROUGHOUT COUNTY WHO ARE PROGRESSIVE WANT TO HAVE AN ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED.

"I want to see the agricultural agent of this county and the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce get busy and do something about the free county fair that the act of the recent legislature has made possible," said a prominent citizen of Hewitt township last night.

Commenting further, he stated that he thought this the best thing the legislature did during its recent session and hoped the people in every county in the state would take advantage of it and hold annual county fairs. "There is no questioning the value of a county fair," he continued. "It stimulates the farmer and stock grower to greater effort and adds materially to values throughout the county and section where the fair is held. There is an incentive for stock raisers to breed a better grade of stock, and when they enter into competition with one stock in the county grades much higher."

Mr. Scott stated that he was making arrangements to hold meetings in every township in the county between now and the time the county commissioners meet again, in order to have the matter ready to place before them, that they may authorize the excise board to make the legal levy for the fair.

District Agent Ferguson was here last week, and stated that he would return, if necessary, and assist Mr. Scott in this work. If the taxpayers in the various townships of this county want a free county fair association formed that will be perpetual, now is their opportunity, and Mr. Scott stated that when the matter was explained to the people he anticipated that they would all assist him to the best of their ability in bringing this condition about. At any rate the movement has been launched and it is now up to the people to decide for themselves.

what to submit to the cabinet tomorrow.

There is continued discussion here of the suggestion that the United States sever diplomatic relations with Germany without a declaration of war. In this connection, however, it has been pointed out, that such a course would have a serious effect upon humanitarian work the United States has been conducting throughout the war. Whatever is done, it is believed, probably will be prefaced by an exchange of notes with the German government.

Hill fighting in the Carpathians could hardly be more deadly if it were devoted to a feud adjustment in the mountains of West Virginia.

Ardmoreite Want Ads bring results

IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY HALL NEARLY DONE

FIREMEN AND OFFICERS DONNED OVERALLS WHEN FUNDS TO DO WORK WERE FOUND TO BE EXHAUSTED.

Things begin to look brighter about the city hall and it is wonderful to note what a difference a little paint and wall paper will make.

Owing to the fact that there were no funds in the city treasury to pay for doing this work, likewise cleaning the parks of the city, and repairing the Carnegie library, the work is being done by the firemen, policemen, mayor, city clerk, bookkeeper, in fact every employe is lending a helping hand, and doing his share of the work of brightening up the property of the city, and giving the city a good, healthy cleaning.

This work would ordinarily have been done by contractors but, as there were no funds with which to pay them, the city dads and their assistants were compelled to do a little heavy work themselves.

The council chamber and all the offices have been repapered and varnished, and the furniture throughout has been given a new dressing.

BUSINESS MAN, AN EVANGELIST, IN ARDMORE

REV. A. O. DUNCAN WILL CONDUCT AN OLD-TIME REVIVAL ON THE LOCAL Y. M. C. A. GROUNDS.

Rev. A. O. Duncan is here from Kingston and has begun a series of meetings in a tent on the Y. M. C. A. lot on West Broadway. Assisting him are Rev. C. G. Evans and R. E. McCain. The latter will have charge of the music.

Rev. Mr. Duncan is a merchant at Kingston. He has oil mill and cotton gin interests, as well as mercantile interests. For twelve years he has been an evangelist, and for a time was pastor of the church of his faith in Oklahoma City. He is a Nazarene, and says of his church that it is more nearly like old-time John Wesley Methodism than anything else. The meetings use the mourners' bench and their revivals are like those we used to see in our youth.

Rev. Mr. Duncan owns his tent, and has placed a piano in it for the services here. He invites men and women of all religious faiths to come and worship with him. His father resides in this city, at 416 North Washington, and Roy Duston of this city is his brother-in-law. Services will be held each day at 10:30 and each evening at 8.

Notice—Reading Circle Examination.

The Reading Circle examination will be given in the county superintendent's office June 5, 1915. The questions will be taken from the three books used in the Reading Circle work this year: "Better Rural Schools," "Brief Course in the Teaching Process," and "Elwood's Sociology." This examination is necessary to all teachers who desire to have their certificates renewed in the future.

L. M. THURSTON,
County Supt.

Ardmore, Okla., May 10, 1915.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., May 11.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday is fair.

ANOTHER FAKE RUMOR QUICK- LY NAILED

REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT WILSON HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED — "MANUFACTURED NEWS."

Yesterday a rumor spread over the state and nation that President Wilson had been assassinated, and it was soon the topic of conversation among all classes.

The Associated Press agency at Washington, as soon as advised sent out a telegram all over the country, asserting that there was nothing in the report and that the president was even then in Philadelphia, where he addressed a large gathering of naturalized citizens last night.

No one seems to know where the report started. Whether it was the work of some practical joker, or manufactured by some small yellow news agency was not determined.

PRESS BOYS ENTERTAINED AT GUTHRIE

CITIZENS OF THAT TOWN AS ONE BIG FAMILY, VIED WITH EACH OTHER IN EXTENDING HOSPITALITY.

The city of Guthrie was host to the Oklahoma Press Association the past week, and the men of the profession were never given a more royal reception anywhere. The home folks seemed to vie with each other to see who could do most for the visitors. The city was decorated with United States flags, and the flags stretched in a long line from the depot to the main business portion of the city. Many of the editors were accompanied by their wives and daughters. A number of brilliant receptions were provided for the ladies. So many arrangements were made to entertain the editors, that President Buck Campbell had a hard time keeping them in session. The meeting was harmonious throughout, and when the association is ready to convene in session again, it will have a \$15,000 home built at Medicine Park near Lawton. While the next meeting will go to Tulsa by unanimous vote, it is planned that all subsequent meetings following it will be held at the home.

While in Guthrie, the editors were given tickets to shows, to the bath house, street car tickets were furnished, and hundreds of automobiles were at the service of the visitors.

Saturday lunch was taken in the city mineral water park where the school of officers of the militia was being held. There were in camp about 100 officers of the Home Guards. Federal officers were there training them. After lunching with the men, the visitors saw a demonstration of digging war trenches and building wire entanglements, such are being built in real warfare now in Europe. The federal government is conducting the school and paying the expenses.

Receptions and balls were plentiful and the younger set were given a most enjoyable time. No town in Oklahoma could have done more than did Guthrie for the press boys of the state, and that city will for all time come hold a pleasant place in the memories of the men of the press of Oklahoma.

VILLA CLAIMS VICTORY

Washington, D. C., May 11.—General Villa claims that he has destroyed the left wing of Obregon's army.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA MAY DECLARE WAR ON ITALY FIRST

PERSISTENTLY RUMORED IN PARIS THAT GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS HAVE DECIDED TO BEAT THE ITALIANS TO THE POINT OF DECLARING WAR.

Italy Said to Have Signed Agreement with the Allies to Participate in the War Not Later than May Twenty-Sixth—Former Italian Premier Giolitti Leader of Italy's Principal Peace Party, Agreed Yesterday to Withdraw All Opposition to Italy's Participation in the War—Allies Saturday Occupied Three Important Dardanelles Positions Despite Desperate Turkish Resistance—Turks' Losses Estimated at Forty-Five Thousand, and Constantinople Hospitals are Crowded With Wounded—German Aeroplane Dropped Bombs on Paris Suburb Today, Damaging Buildings and Wounding Five Persons—Turks Claim Repulse of Allies Sunday Night With Their Bayonets, Annihilating Three Battalions of the Enemy.

EXCURSION- ISTS SADDENED BY ACCIDENT

WOMEN HYSTERICAL, WHILE MEN WEPT ABOUT BODIES OF TWO OLD PEOPLE SLAIN BY TRAIN.

While the newspaper excursionists were returning from Stillwater to Guthrie last Sunday afternoon and while the people of Stillwater were on the train serving hot coffee and boxes of good things to eat to the editors, who had been their guests for the day, the train ran into a buggy in which George E. Tietz and his wife were riding. Both occupants of the buggy were killed. The horse was also killed. The animal was left on the west side of the track and the bodies of the man and woman on the other side. The train was just pulling out of the little town of Mahan and was running slowly. The occupants of the buggy were driving toward the west. There was a very slight curve at that point and a small stock pen to some extent obstructed the view. The sun was getting low and was in the faces of Mr. and Mrs. Tietz. They were getting old—he 73 and she 72, and they were perhaps somewhat deaf from age. At any rate they seem not to have heard the whistle of the train, and drove in front of the engine.

Just ahead of the aged couple a younger man and his wife rode in a single buggy. They crossed the track ahead of the engine, and the man jumped from his buggy to warn the old people, but they were probably blinded by the sun and did not hear him. They were dragged down the track for a distance of about 150 feet. Their bodies were not badly mangled. The woman died at once and the man lived for probably thirty minutes. Passengers rendered every assistance possible. The engine was released and made the run to Ripley where two physicians were picked up and brought to the scene. The aged man passed away within a few minutes after medical aid arrived. He never was conscious after the accident.

Many of the women became hysterical and wept bitterly, and men stood about the scene with tears coursing down their cheeks.

The aged couple had been visiting with their married daughter and were returning home when the accident occurred. The excursionists were saddened. There was no more laughing, there was no more storytelling on that trip. Almost the sole topic of conversation while en route back to Guthrie was devoted to a discussion of the accident and in expressions of regret. Before the train, with its excursion party left, relatives and friends of the dead arrived and took charge of the bodies.

Attention Elks.

Regular meeting tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

H. T. HARRELD,
Secretary.

Paris, May 11.—It is rumored persistently today that Germany and Austria have already decided to declare war on Italy, before Italy can declare war against them. There is no confirmation, however, of these rumors.

It is rumored on the bourse here that Italy has signed an agreement with the allies to participate in the war not later than May 26.

It is reliably reported that former Italian premier Giolitti, leader of Italy's principal peace party, agreed yesterday to withdraw all opposition to Italy's entrance into the war.

War Seems Inevitable

Rome, May 11.—Military preparations, pointing to Austria as an opponent, are so thorough and vigorous that war seems inevitable.

Allies Get Three Positions

London, May 11.—The allies at Dardanelles Saturday occupied three important positions, despite the Turks' desperate resistance. The Turks' total losses are estimated at forty-five thousand. The Constantinople hospitals are over-crowded with wounded.

Twelve Killed by Big Guns

Paris, May 11.—Twelve persons were killed and eleven others wounded when the Germans last night with their big gun in Belgium shelled the town of Bruges, near Dunkirk.

A French official report claims the repulse of the Germans in Belgium and several small successes along the north French front.

The Germans yesterday brought down one British aviator while the British got two German aviators.

Drop Bombs Near Paris

Paris, May 11.—A German aeroplane flew over the Paris suburb of St. Denis today and dropped two bombs. One of the bombs wounded five persons. The other damaged buildings.

Turks Claim Success

Constantinople, May 11.—The Turks Sunday night with bayonets repulsed four desperate attacks by the allies' infantry, annihilating three of the enemy's battalions near Sebdul Bahr, but the allies failed again.

Italy Awaits Reply

Paris, May 11.—"The government of Italy Monday awaited the final reply of Austria," says a Rome dispatch to La Liberte, last night.

"In the interim the publication of important decrees which were signed at the last meeting of the cabinet has been withheld. I learn from an excellent source that unless the Austrian answer arrived before midnight tonight, or if the reply is unfavorable, Italy will consider the negotiations terminated."

All Italy Expects War

On the Italian Frontier, May 11.—An Associated Press correspondent, who has been from end to end of the Italian line, finds that the people on the frontier today believe that Italy will join in the war in a few hours. The general opinion elsewhere is that Italy will join in a few days.

Russians Winning Again

Petrograd, May 11.—Official Claims are made of Russian victory in several engagements along the Carpathian front. It is reported unofficially that

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